new and cushioned sleeper coaches are being attached on long distance Mail/Express trains and second class coaches on intercity day time express trains.

(c) The rakes of East Coast Express are already having 19 such coaches.

Coversion of Guwahati-Tinsukia Section

3352. SHRI BALIN KULI:
SHRI PROBIN DEKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the metre-gauge line into broad-gauge from Guwhati to Tinsukia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Conversion of Guwhati-Tinsukia section is included in the Action Plan for gauge conversion taken up by the Railways. Conversion of Guwhati-Lumding subsection (181 Km) has been included in the Railway Budget for 1992-93.

(c) Does not arise.

Terminal Facilities at Guwahati

3353. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether therminal facilities for broad-gauge trains in guwahati are inadequate;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to construct more terminal facilities there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Terminal facilities at guwahati are adequate for the maintenance of existing trains.

(b) and (c). Work of Guwahati-New Guwahati-Augmentation of terminal facilities Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs. 62.04 lakhs is targetted for completion in 1992-93. An auxillary freight terminal at Jhalukbari near Guwahati has also been planned and land being acquired.

Mal-Nutrition

3354. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in India affected by mal-nutrition related diseases in 1991, state-wise;

(b) the regions where they are mainly concentrated;

(c) whether the Union Government have assessed the exact nature of mal-nutrition among the population; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) According to surveys conducted by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(i) The diets of about 47% of rural households are energy dificient.

(ii) About 50% of adults on the basis of Body Mass Index are suffering from chronic energy deficiency (BMI) value less than 18.5)

(iii) About 9% of pre-school children (between 1-5 Years) suffer from severe forms of malnutrition (Body weight for age less then 60% of NCHS standards.) Another 44% of children suffer from moderate degree of Malnutrition (Body weithth between 60-75%).

(b) Households belonging to lowsocio-economic group of population (in rural as well as urban areas) suffer from the problem of malnutrition.

(c) The nature of mai-nutrition among the population is as follows:

(i) Protein Energy Malnutrition;

(ii) Vitamin A Deficiency;

(iii) Iron Deficiency Anaemia;

(iv) Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

(d) To improve average consumption of nutrients in the vulnerable groups, Government of India have initiated a number of programmes:

(i) Supplementary feeding programme under the scheme of integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is implemented to fill the critical calorie gap in pre-school children and women during pregancy and lactation.

(ii) Vitamin A distribution programme to prevent Vitamin 'A' deficiency in pre-school children (1-5 years).

(iii) Distribution of Iron and Folic Acid Tablets programme (Anaemia, Prophylaxis programme):- distribution of Iron and Folic Acid Tablets to pregnant and lactating women and children upto 10 years and to family planning acceptors.

(iv) Supply of iodised salt to prevent Iodine deficiency disorders.

(v) Supply of foodgrains on subsidised rates to the poor through public distribution system.

Report on Railway Management

3355.SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by Shri D.V. Chandra, Adviser (Planning), Railways, constituted to go into the financial conditions and resource management of the railways has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main observations and recommendations made in the report; and

(c) the decisions taken in the light thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

New Halts for Express Trains on Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam Route

3356. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: